

nearly half a million birds were sold at auction in London. The details of the consignment as given at the meeting were :

Osprey plumes,	11,352 ounces
Vulture plumes,	186 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds
Peacock feathers,	215,051 bundles
Birds of paradise,	2,362 "
Indian parrots,	228,289 "
Bronze pigeons, including the goura,	1,677 "
Tanagers and sundry birds,	38,198 "
Humming birds,	116,490 "
Jays and kingfishers,	48,579 "
Impeyan and other pheasant and jungle fowl,	4,952 "
Owls and hawks,	7,163 "

THOSE FIVE HUNDRED.

The list is still growing. Brother, have you done something toward these five hundred? What? Think over this matter: Are there not five hundred who can on an average furnish one subscriber? There certainly are that number in the church. Do not wait for some one else to respond; make it your business to get a new subscriber no matter what others may do. You need not fear that we will overreach the five hundred, and if we should they will be taken care of. Here is the list since last report:

Henry Murr, Trotwood, O.,	5
Chas. Hesse, Carlton, Neb.,	1
Mrs. Geo. Whisler,	1
A. S. Menaugh, Goshen,	3
J. W. Beer, Vernalis, Calif.,	1
Four quarterly subs.,	1
Jessie Calvert, Warsaw,	1
O. D. Howell,	1
J. L. Kimmel,	1
Mrs. Cornelius Miller, Kimball, N. D.,	1
J. A. Miller, Summit Mills, Pa.,	1
Mrs. L. L. Tombaugh,	1
Martin Shively,	1
Mrs. M. J. Schrock,	1
D. L. Bowman, Devil's Lake, N. D.,	1
Total,	21
Previously reported,	82
To date,	103

The record is encouraging and we again appeal to our people everywhere to make a united effort to reach the five hundred. We are now more than one-fifth of the way and a strong pull will reach the coveted number. Friends, it is not for our sake that you are to do this, but for the sake of the cause which is dear to all of us. Now just one little effort. Brother, will you make it? Sister, will you?

When God sends his servant on a mission, he requires of him not eloquence, but faith.

COULD NOT BE UNDONE.

Last week's paper went out with the announcement on first page that for want of wire it would be neither stitched nor trimmed. The truth is it was both stitched and trimmed. Our readers no doubt discovered the discrepancy between this statement and the facts in the case. Well, if an untruth is ever justifiable we presume it was in this case. Just as the paper was folded and ready to be wrapped for the mail, the wire came, and all hands in the office set to work at once to wire and trim the paper. But what of the announcement on first page? It was too late to make any changes. Not only was it too late to take out the announcement, but it was too late to make any corrections. How true is this little incident and how applicable to many a human life, the words we speak and the deeds we do. A word once spoken cannot be recalled and a deed once done cannot be undone. Pilate did not intend all that was implied in his words when he said, "What I have written I have written." Of all our deeds it may be said, "What we have done, we have done." They cannot be undone. Even God himself does not propose to undo the past for us tho he has promised to make it as tho it had not been. How carefully we should weigh our words before we send them forth on their mission. The paragraphs, the pages, the chapters, in the book of human activity are being rapidly filled. What are we writing? What will be our record when the great Judge of the universe will gather all nations before him to reward each one according to the deeds done in the body? May God give us grace to fill the clean white pages with the record of deeds of love and of a pure, consecrated life.

REPORT OF THE N. M. BOARD.

The National Mission Board thro its secretary, J. C. Cassel, makes its first monthly report in this issue. The report is for the month of September and on the whole is quite commendable. Please read and *study* the report so that you may know where the money came from that was paid into the treasury of the Board. To us the report is encouraging. It is true the amount is not large but considering all things there is reason for encouragement. Some of the money came from the former treasurer and from collections taken at the conference, while not a small sum came from the proceeds of lectures by Brother McFaden. But it is not the amount of

money received that furnishes a basis of encouragement, rather it is the hopeful outlook, the way in which the work opens up. We have reasons to believe that before the year closes the whole church will be awakened to the importance of the great work for which she was organized and equipped. There are indications all about us of a deeper work of grace, a more thorough consecration to the Master's service, a higher spiritual life, a clearer recognition of our responsibility touching the subject of missions. Our efforts along this line of church work are being reduced to system, our forces organized, and on the whole the outlook is encouraging. We need to realize more and more our personal responsibility as followers of the Lord Jesus in carrying out the great commission to bear the message of salvation to all the ends of the earth. It should not be looked upon as a burden, but rather as a joy, to share in the work of the world's evangelization.

But tho we have done well we might have and *could* have done better. The money after all has come from the few. Why should not the whole church contribute to this fund? Can any member of the Brethren church afford to miss the joy, the rich blessings, that under the divine government come to those who consecrate their hearts and means to the Master? When once you have experienced the joy, the peace and divine satisfaction that come into your life as a direct result of sharing in this blessed and Christly work it will no longer be regarded as a burdensome duty but rather as a gracious privilege. We are thoroughly convinced that a consecrated membership, well organized and well directed efforts, will bring \$1,000 into the National Mission Treasury each month. Why should it not be so? The strength of God's love to fallen man is measured by what he was willing to do for humanity. He gave his own dear Son. What is the measure of our love for those who are living in the darkness of sin? The sacrifices we are willing to make for them; just that and no more. The strength of any affection is measured by what it is willing to do for the object loved. God so loved us that he gave himself for us. What have we given him? The two sisters referred to in Brother Cassel's letter and the Philadelphia Sunday-school, are examples of what we *can* do if we have the *will* to do. Our faithfulness and our service will not be measured by our ability to defend the doctrines peculiar to the